

REMARKS

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, and 9-22 are currently pending. Claim 12 has been amended. Claims 13-22 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant wished to thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 1, 3, 5-7 and 9-11 are allowed. Claim 12 has been amended to depend from Claim 1. The following addresses the substance of the Office Action.

Non-Obviousness

The Examiner has rejected Claims 12-18 and 20-22 under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Fago (USP 6,569,127) as modified by Reilly (USP 6,958,053), further in view of Thrull (US 5,947,929). Applicants respectfully disagree. However, to expedite the allowance of the present application, Claims 13-22 have been canceled, and claim 12 has been amended to now depend on allowable Claim 1. Therefore, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections are respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited. If any points remain that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-given telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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